

# Poulsbo Tree Board

## 2018 Annual Report



January 2019

### The Year in Review

#### 2018 Poulsbo Tree Board

**members** included Chairperson Jenise Bauman, Joan Hett, Bess Bronstein, Janet Brown, Jim Leary, Gayle Larson, and Joe Seals. The board held five regular meetings and one on-site tour in 2018.

For the third year in a row, the City hosted a workshop which was organized by the DNR Community Forestry Division in May. The topic was "Healthy Trees, Healthy Communities". About 25 people from a variety of public agencies attended the 1/2 day workshop.



The Tree Board continues to be involved in matters related to day-to-day urban forestry issues in Poulsbo, as well as overall policy related to trees on public property. They are active in providing public education and outreach to citizens in the greater Poulsbo area. The city earned its Tree City USA designation for the 22nd year.



Arbor Day 2018



### Work Plan and Projects

**Heritage Tree Program.** Under member Jim Leary's leadership, the City Council approved the program, and a separate website page has been set up under the City of Poulsbo.

#### Celebration Trees

Two Celebration Trees were planted: one at Centennial Park, and a second one at Raab Park in celebration of outgoing Tree Board member Bill Lockard.

#### Poulsbo Cemetery Tree Plan

Upon the request of a cemetery committee member, the Tree Board toured and then created a recommended list of trees that could be planted at the cemetery in the future.

#### Centennial Park Arboretum

The board has put together a nice list of potential trees for the newly renovated Centennial Park arboretum, and has applied for a grant through the DNR/Small Communities Forestry grant to complete the project.

#### Arborist and Public Works

**Activities.** City Arborist Kevin McFarland continued to be active in hazard tree assessments, and making recommendations on tree needs. Trees were assessed in the Waterfront Park, the Whitford Plat and along the right-of-way on Viking Avenue. Other projects he consulted on included the Liberty Bay Waterfront Trail, the new shared use path on Finn Hill Rd, and assisted Planning on the tree cutting and clearing ordinance.

The Public Works Department continued their excellent care of the public trees in Poulsbo parks, streets and right-of-ways. Park maintenance technician Kris Watson is ISA certified, and makes day-to-day decisions on tree issues. Public Works staff members received training on pruning and other tree related issues.



Centennial Park

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### Public Outreach & Volunteer Activities

**Tree Education Classes** City arborist Kevin McFarland and board member Bess Bronstein lead three pruning classes that continue to be popular in the winter and summer months. About 60 people total attended these classes.

**Neighborhood Tree Walks** With Bess taking the lead, Tree Board members led two successful walks, pointing out significant trees to the participants. About 30 people attended the walks.

**Dana Coggon, Kitsap County Noxious Weed Board.** Dana spoke to the board about her job, and the impact that they have on noxious weeds around the county.

#### Cemetery/Park Tour

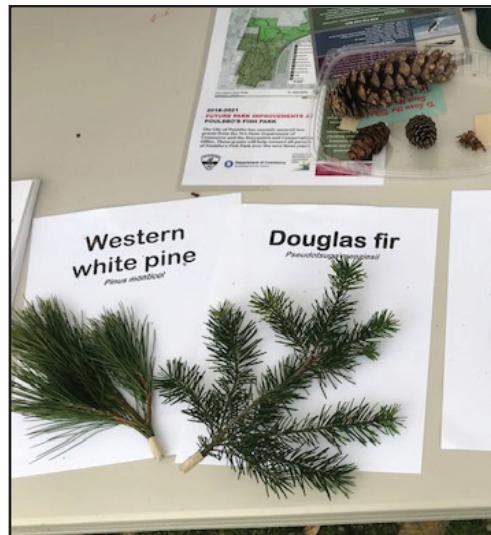
The board visited two parks and the city cemetery on their annual tour.

#### Arbor Day 2018

With the generous sponsorship of Puget Sound Energy, six trees were planted in American Legion Park. PSE employees, Poulsbo Garden Club members, Tree Board members, Council members, and citizens all participated.



**Salmon Tours at Poulsbo's Fish Park:** Once again, Tree Board members manned a display about trees, the riparian system and the salmon cycle. This year's event drew almost 500 people, and they were able to talk about Tree Board initiatives.



Celebration Tree Planting for outgoing Tree Board member Bill Lockard - June 2018

